

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
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STAFF ECONOMIST, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

The Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, a non-partisan research unit for the Kentucky General Assembly, is accepting applications for the position of Staff Economist.

Typical Duties: Under the direction of the Chief Economist, conduct economic analysis as needed to fulfill the research needs of staff and legislators during the interim and legislative session.

Preferred Qualifications: A bachelor's or master's degree in economics, finance, or related field. One year of applied experience in conducting economic research and analysis.

Substitute **EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:**

A Ph.D. in economics or finance may substitute for the one year of experience.

Successful candidates should possess the ability to conduct and present applied research in an unbiased manner, strong writing and public speaking skills, the ability to manage and analyze large amounts of data, proficiency with spreadsheet and database software, and experience with statistical software, such as SAS, Stata, or Eviews. Experienced candidates are encouraged to apply.

Experience in and knowledge of the legislative process may substitute for the preferred education and/or necessary work experience. Knowledge of economic analysis in state government and legislative process may be given added consideration.

Desired Attributes:

- Knowledge of microeconomics, macroeconomics, statistics, and statistical resources, and the willingness to use them in the analysis of applied problems of public policy.
- Knowledge of specialized software used for statistical analysis, graphical analysis, and econometric modeling.
- Knowledge of sources of national, state, and local demographic, economic, and fiscal data.
- Ability to monitor economic changes and assess the economic implications of existing or proposed economic or fiscal structures in an unbiased manner.
- Analytic, writing, and presentation skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills to communicate effectively and impartially with others involved in the legislative process.

Job Duties include:

- Respond to information requests.
- Review research and analysis from external sources.
- Provide background information to legislators on programs and policy issues.
- Conduct economic impact analysis.
- Conduct research on policy issues.
- Monitor employment and economic trends.
- Monitor trends in and issues affecting Kentucky state revenues.
- Analyze fiscal impacts of proposed legislation.
- Write memoranda and reports on research.
- Present research findings to legislative committees and staff.
- Provide technical and administrative support to the Consensus Forecasting Group.
- Assist committee and other staff with research and statistical and financial analysis.
- Work with other LRC staff on the production of LRC publications.
- Work with other LRC staff on multidisciplinary task forces and research projects.
- Attend training as needed or directed.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

The individual selected for this position must have a positive attitude, strong work ethic, attention to detail, and be public service oriented with the ability to maintain a good rapport with LRC staff, state employees, and the general public. The individual must have a strong attention to detail and be able to work under stress, with the understanding that during legislative sessions and occasionally during the interim period, working overtime will be required.

This is a permanent, full-time position with benefits including health and life insurance, retirement plan and paid holidays, vacation, and sick days.

Application Deadline: The review of applications will begin immediately, and the deadline to apply is December 22, 2016 or until filled.

How to Apply: All persons meeting the qualifications and who are interested in this position are encouraged to submit a cover letter and current resume. Please send a completed state application or resume via email to: LRCresumes@lrc.ky.gov and list the job title in the email subject line. Alternatively, applicants may mail these materials to:

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